

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 20, 2009 (“Office Action”) required election of one of the following species:

Species A, directed to the embodiment(s) shown in Fig. 9 (claims 3-4).

Species B, directed to the embodiment(s) shown in Fig. 19 (claim 2).

In response to this requirement, **Applicant elects examination of Species A, directed to the embodiment(s) shown in Fig. 9, with traverse.**

The election is made with traverse because both alleged species are based on generic claim 1, which provides the required single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 as it includes the special technical feature(s) required by PCT Rule 13.2.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are readable on Species A. Examination on the merits is requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the elected claims for examination on the merits. A timely allowance of the pending claims is requested.

In the event that an appropriate fee amount is not enclosed by check for any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response or requisite extensions of time, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

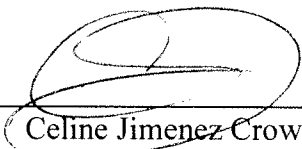
Finally, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any matters that the Examiner feels may expedite the progress of the present application toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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